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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Patrice DEBREGES *et al.*

Title: DEVICE FOR COATING
GRANULES TO BE
ADMINISTERED ORALLY

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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated November 1, 2002 and the Telephone Interview of January 7, 2003 concerning U.S. Serial No. 09/582,871.

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.121, please substitute for original claim 1, the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

1. (Four Times Amended) A device for producing granules comprising a drum with peripheral apertures, a member for feeding said drum with coating or fixing substance, and a member for supplying gas, wherein said peripheral apertures are defined by the space between mutually parallel sections contained in said drum and,

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